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Service Date: February 25, 1981

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION  
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER of the Application of )	
PACIFIC POWER & LIGHT COMPANY For )	UTILITY DIVISION
Authority to Adopt Increased Rates )	
and Charges On An Interim Basis For )	DOCKET NO. 81.1.3
Water Service For Its Libby, Montana )	INTERIM ORDER NO. 4751
Service Area. )	
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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 15, 1981, Pacific Power & Light Company (Applicant) filed an application with this Commission for authority to increase the water rates to its Libby, Montana service area, on a permanent basis by approximately 15.5% equalling a revenue increase of approximately \$57,646.

2. Concurrent with the filing of the permanent application for increased rates, the Applicant filed an application for an interim increase in rates of approximately 15.5% equalling a revenue increase of approximately \$56,646 or 100% of the proposed permanent increase.

3. The Applicant alleges the proposed interim increase in rates will produce a rate of return of 9.83% which was the allowed rate of return recognized by this Commission in Order No. 4704.

4. The Applicant's exhibits indicate an interim annual revenue increase of \$57,646 is necessary to produce a rate of return of 9.83%.

5. The Commission finds that a uniform percentage increase in rates of approximately 15.5% will generate approximately \$57,646 on an annual basis and that this interim increase is justified.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and the subject matter in this proceeding.

2. The Commission may, in its discretion, temporarily approve increases pending a hearing or final action. If the final action is to disapprove the increase, the Commission shall order a rebate to all consumers for the amount collected retroactive to the date of temporary approval, 69-3-304, MCA.

The application for a permanent increase will be noticed for a hearing at a later date.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Applicant file tariff schedules increasing rates by a uniform percentage of approximately 15.5% to all customer classes.


2. The effective date shall be for water service rendered on and after February 17, 1981.

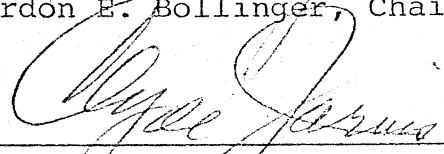
3. The increase granted herein is subject to rebate should the final order in this docket determine that a lesser amount than authorized by this order is required.

4. In the event a rebate is directed by the final order in this docket, provision shall be made in that order to cause all uncollected rebates to be escheated to the State of Montana in the manner provided by law.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana this 17th day of February, 1981 by a vote of 5 to 0.

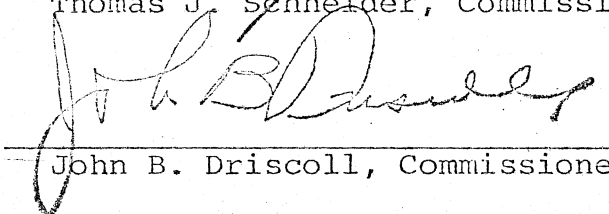
BY THE ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

  
Gordon E. Bollinger, Chairman


  
Clyde Jarvis, Commissioner

  
Howard L. Ellis, Commissioner

  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

  
John B. Driscoll, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Madeline L. Cottrill  
Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec 2-4-702 MCA, and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.